

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, May 13, 1908, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Hammondsport, New York.  
May 13th, 1908. Dear Mabel:

Just received your note of May 11th, asking whether I answered Miss Parminter's telegram — and what did I say? Fortunately Casey preserved my original draft of the long telegram sent and I copy it for you here.

(Telegram to Miss Parminter)

Have been here all the time with Casey so have only now received word from Washington of your message for me. Both Mrs. Bell and I would dearly love to be present at wedding but do not wish our desire to interfere with your arrangements. I can attend any day excepting June tenth, but doctors do not wish Mrs. Bell to travel before June tenth. The twelfth or any later day would be convenient to us. There has been nothing but rain or snow since I came here but now the sunshine has come out. May it come out for you and Casey too is my deep desire.

Signed "Graham Bell"

I did not count my words in telegraphing to her. The poor girl had been waiting for two or three days for an answer to her telegram to enable her to issue her invitations to her wedding — and I thought the least I could do would be to answer her from my heart — irrespective of the dollar and cent value of my words.

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Thanks for description of christening. I hope Master Alexander Graham Bell Fairchild received his telegram from me.

Your loving husband, Alec.